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#### **Montgomery County OIG Finds Improvements Needed with MCPS Procurement Practices**

Rockville, Maryland – Montgomery County Maryland Inspector General Megan Davey Limarzi announced today the release of a new Office of the Inspector General (OIG) report, [Review of Procurement Practices, Montgomery County Public Schools](#), OIG Publication # 26-08, detailing the OIG’s review of Montgomery County Public Schools’ (MCPS) procurement practices for non-capital construction materials during fiscal years (FY) 2023 and 2024. The review specifically evaluated MCPS’s compliance with procurement law, policies, and regulations when purchasing goods and services valued at over \$1,500. The review was conducted as part of the OIG’s mandate to promote fiscal accountability and was announced in the [OIG’s Revised Work Plan & Projected Budget, November 1, 2023-June 30, 2025](#).

MCPS’s Division of Procurement oversees purchasing of non-capital construction-related equipment, supplies and services. During FY23 and FY24, MCPS spent between \$200 and \$300 million a year to purchase non-capital construction related goods and services. The OIG’s review found numerous inconsistencies in the application of and compliance with procurement law, regulation, and procedures. Significantly, the OIG found MCPS made approximately \$1 million in purchases without obtaining Board of Education approval as is required by Maryland state law. Additionally, the OIG found that MCPS, in violation of policy, hired and paid 7 active employees as consultants and/or independent contractors in FY23 and FY24.

The review resulted in three findings and four recommendations aimed at improving procurement practices at MCPS. The Superintendent of MCPS concurred with the associated recommendations.

[Read the full report.](#)

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